Ind. History – Civil War

## DECEMBER MEETING

As December 11 is the anniversary of the admission of Indiana to statehood on December 11, 1816, we thought it would be most suitable to have a program that concerned the background of this important event. We could think of no one who would be better informed on the subject than Dr. Charles Roll. Though he is not doing much talking before groups now, he has graciously said he would give us an informal talk on the subject. Our preoccupation with all of the lively events that have occurred since we achieved statehood, have perhaps directed our attention away from the fact that our statehood came first and is the foundation of all that followed. We are sure you will enjoy this and will be better informed on the subject from having heard the talk.

## DEDICATION OF THE MARKER FOR CAMP VIGO

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The marker for Camp Vigo was dedicated November 20 at 1:15 p.m. on the new highway 41 by-pass at a point about where Delaware would intersect if it continued through. It was attended by the color guard of the American Legion, the fourth grade of Collett School, the McLean Junior High School band who played several numbers, several members of the Vigo County Historical Society and several adults from the schools, and news photographers. The State Highway police controlled the traffic. Mr. Ira Campbell gave the talk, and as he had prepared a manuscript, we have asked him to let us share it with you. It contains facts which were unfamiliar to us and we thought others who were not able to be present would like to have the information. It was an effective dedication, and helps us become more familiar with our own community as well as letting travelers passing through know about some of the interesting historical points in this vicinity.

## CAMP VIGO

*A Brief History on the occasion of placing a Marker to commemorate the Site of the Camp November* 20, 1962

By Ira W. Campbell

The Civil War began in April, 1861, and just a month later authorization was given to raise a regiment in Terre Haute. The Vigo County fairgrounds was chosen as the camp site, and for the purpose was renamed Camp Vigo. The first three of the Civil War regiments raised in Terre Haute were organized here.

Camp Vigo was an area of fifty-one acres, lying between Third and Seventh Streets, and between Florida Avenue on the north and Collett on the south. We are standing now almost in the center of this area. At the

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time of the Civil War it was enclosed by a high board fence, and along the sides were stalls used during the county fair to house and display stock of various kinds and farm equipment. Some of the stalls had overhead lofts, and in these the new recruits made their quarters. The soldiers lived and cooked their meals on the first floor, and slept upstairs in the hay.

In order to have a regiment in the Civil War, it was necessary to organize ten companies of roughly 100 men each. Usually men from the same county or town went together to form the companies. Thus one company would consist entirely of Vigo County men, another of men from Parke County, and another from Putnam County. They lived together, cooked their meals and ate together, and later fought together as a group.

The men elected their own officers, and elections were the occasion for considerable political activity as the companies selected their own Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants and Corporals. When enough companies had been formed and officers chosen, the Regiment was ready to be mustered into the Army of the United States, and at this time a Colonel to command the regiment was either appointed or elected. The first regiment raised here at Camp Vigo became the Indiana 14th, with Colonel Nathan Kimball of Loogootee at its head.

The 14th Indiana was mustered in on June 7th, 1862, and went into service in the east. It became one of the most famous regiments of the war; it helped defeat Stonewall Jackson at the Battle of Kernstown in the Valley; it got closest to the Confederate Line in the bloody fight at Fredericksburg; and the 14th fought in most of the famous battles of the Eastern theatre of war, including Gettysburg.

Immediately after the 14th vacated Camp Vigo, a second regiment began to organize. This one became the 31st Indiana, under the command of Colonel Charles Cruft of Terre Haute. The 31st fought under Grant at Fort Donelson and Shiloh, under Rosecrans at Chicamauga, and under Sherman in the Georgia campaigns. After the 31st, only one more regiment, the 43rd Indiana under Colonel George Steele, was organized at this site. Later Terre Haute regiments were formed at a new camp on East Poplar Street.

Thus Camp Vigo had a short history of barely four months, but during that period thousands of men and boys from Terre Haute and surrounding towns and farms lived here, learned to drill and march, and finally, with their regimental bands playing, marched off to the South to fight and die for the preservation of the Union.

It is in remembrance of these men that we are privileged to dedicate this marker here today.

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# Civil War Camp Marker Unveiled In Ceremony Here

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A marker to commemorate the site of Camp Vigo, where the first local regiment of volunteers trained during the Civil War, was dedicated in ceremonies starting at 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The marker, erected on United States Highway 41 where it angles from Third to Seventh street, is in the exact center of the 51-acre Civil War camp, which lay between Third and Seventh streets and Florida and Collett avenues, occupying what formerly was the Vigo County Fairgrounds. The camp had about a four-month history.

In giving a brief history of the camp during the ceremonies, Ira Campbell noted that the first of three regiments raised in Terre Haute was organized at the site. He told of how the regiment was organized, companies being composed of men from the counties in the surrounding area.

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**THE REGIMENT** organized there, the Indiana Fourteenth, became one of the most famous regiments of the Civil War, Campbell noted, helping defeat Stonewall Jackson at the Battle of Kernstown, getting closest to the Confederate line at Fredericksburg, and fighting in most of the famous battles of the Eastern Theater, including Gettysburg.

Music for the dedication was provided by the McLean Junior High School Band, Collett School fourth graders participated as part of their study of Indiana history, and an American Legion color guard served for the ceremony.

John G. Biel, representing the Vigo County Historical Society, was chairman of the committee on arrangements, assisted by Ira Campbell, chairman of the Civil War Round Table, and Earl Pike, representing the Vigo County School Corporation. They were aided in staging the dedication by the Indiana State Police and the Indiana State Highway Commission, which erected the marker provided by the State Civil War Centennial Commission.

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**CHILDREN** participating in the study were Dale Andrews, Claire Anshutz, David Butts, Carol Dunbar, Mary Ellen Freed, Mark Lee, Leora Lentz, Penny Madden, Deborah Mahan, William Petty, Marty Runkle, Susan Smith, Carla Stevenson, Lynn Tuttle, Larry Vaught, David Wallace, Angela Wolfe.

Also Richard Bell, Debra Brownfield, Cheryl Crowthers, Timmy Davis, Melissa Felling, Michael Garry, Alice Hedges, Timothy Ingle, Debra Kaperak, Michael Kelley, Timmy Kuns, David McCarty, Joseph Morris, Melody Mundy, Robert Orman, Lyn Radtke, Karen Romero, Kathleen Palmer, Jay Skitt.

Vicki Sotak, Stephen Steward, Sara Stevenson, Michael Terstegge, Jill Thomas, Larry Titus, Stephen Anderson, Collette Burskey, William Darkis, Martha Dillinghan Farah, Daniel Farmer, John Grubb, Steven Keller, Jenny Large, Stephen Lewis, Michael Moeller, Patricia Neuendorf, Brenda Palmer, Debra Rauscher, Wendy Shaw, Walter Sims, Steven Steadman, Mark Swander, Martha Swearingen, Dyrenda Tabor, Lynn Voll, Benjamin Walker and Michael Winters.

They were accompanied by three teachers, Mrs. Sandra Hollenbeck, Mrs. Norma Davies and Miss Janis Bastain, and several parents.

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# Important Events in Illinois and I

## Rockville

## FATHER AND SON FACE DEATH IN RAGING FORD

### Timely Arrival of Aid Prevents Drowning of Arthur and Frank Crooks Near Rockville.

ROCKVILLE, Ind., April 22.—Arthur Crooks and son Frank of Mansfield narrowly escaped drowning while attempting to cross the Harmless ford on their way home from the Ferndale mill.

The water was so swift and deep the horse was not able to pull through it and the buggy was upset in midstream. The men were thrown into the current, the buggy turning over on the son.

Had it not been for the timely assistance of some men nearby, who cut the harness and swam after the men, Mr. Crooks and his son would have been drowned.

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### TWELVE VETERANS MEET.

#### Soldiers of Blue and Gray Swap Stories in Drug Store.

ROCKVILLE, Ind., April 22.—It is not often that eleven ex-union soldiers and one ex-confederate soldier are seen congregated together outside of a soldiers' reunion, but such was the case in J. M. Ellett's drug store, when C. E. McDaniels, David Strouse, James O'Haver, F. A. Pickard, A. Vonswearengen, J. N. McCampbell, E. D. Litsey, Clinton Murphy, M. W. Marshall, Enoch Shrigley, George McLaughlin, ex-union, and Dr. William H. Gillum, ex-confederate soldiers, happened to be together in an informal way.

#### Two Celebrate Birthdays.

ROCKVILLE, Ind., April 22.—The seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of Mrs. William Ten Brook, and the fifty-fourth birthday of Mrs. Cyrus Bartley were celebrated at "Chestnut Hill," the home of Mrs. Ten Brook, with a dinner party. For several years the members of the party have entertained on their birthday anniversaries.

#### Bible Class Presents Lecturer.

ROCKVILLE, Ind., April 22.—The Rev. Arthur H. De Long of Grace

## Greencastle

## FARMER IS BADLY HURT IN INTERURBAN ACCIDENT

### Charles Runyan Badly Hurt in Crash At Grade Crossing Near Greencastle.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 22.—Charles Runyan, a well known farmer, living near this city, in Marion township, was the victim of a terrible accident, in which he narrowly escaped death. He was struck by an interurban car near the crossing of the Limedale road, just south of the city limits, and where the interurban tracks begin to rise to pass over the Monon. Runyan was caught like a rat in a trap, for he had driven off the road where it crosses the interurban and had turned his team up the tracks instead of keeping them in the road, and they went on past the cattleguard and there were caught by the car with no chance to escape.

The car was in charge of Motorman Frank Hankins and Conductor Charles Fancher.

Two of the directors of the road were in the vestibule of the car with Motorman Hankins, and at the point of the road it is impossible to see far. Hankins had his eye on the crossing, however, and as the light swung on the track he saw the buggy; with an exclamation of "What do you think of that?" he threw on the brakes. The car struck the buggy with terrific force and ran about 200 feet after striking it. The buggy was struck in the rear end and telescoped clear through and then the car struck the mules. Runyan was badly hurt. His right leg was crushed below the knee and his scalp was torn loose, a long gash being cut in it and also a shorter one.

Runyan was picked up and placed on the car, which was run back to the station, and as there is no hospital here Dr. Hutcheson took him to Terre Haute at once. An ambulance met them at Third street and Runyan was taken to Union hospital. He was at once gotten ready for an operation and Dr. Coombs of Terre Haute removed the leg just below the knee, Dr. Hutcheson administering the anes-

## Robinson

## EIGHT PRISONERS ESC FROM JAIL AT R

### Men Break From Cells an in All Directions—Al is Sent Out.

ROBINSON, Ill., April 22.— escaped from jail here and general alarm has been sent, sheriff is scouring Crawford one man by the name of Grift recaptured. He was found hiding in a box car.

The men were all held offenses, none of them especi although several faced prison escape was made after the been locked up for the night had quieted down. Apparently for the jail delivery had bee for there was no alarm given the prisoners had been gone time.

When the escape was dis sheriff at once sent out a ge and notified officers in towns to look out for the m tions of whom were telephon

Police at Paris were espec to look for Fred Smith of that is said to have a jail record home is in Paris it is belie drift back there.

## PLAN CELEBRATION A COMPLETION OF

### Cities in Calumet Region er Big Event—Date Fix September 30.

HAMMOND, Ind., April 22. ber 30, 1909, will go down as important date in the histo Calumet region during the century of its growth and ment as a great industrial c date will mark the completi East Chicago company, of t of the canal four miles long wide and fifteen feet deep. will connect Lake Michigan

...have not been complete.

HENRY M. SNAPP.

Henry M. Snapp, 65 years old, who died suddenly Tuesday of apoplexy at the home of his only son, C. O. Snapp, 514 South Twelfth street, was taken to Oaktown, Ind., Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and the funeral was held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, with burial in the Oaktown cemetery.

PETER WALKER.

The funeral of Peter Walker, 60 years old, who died Wednesday afternoon at his home, 2045 North Fourteenth and One-half street, will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock and the body will be taken to Clinton on the 11 o'clock car for interment at 12 o'clock.

DR. WILLIAM H. GILLUM.

By Special Correspondent.

ROCKVILLE, Ind., March 29.—The body of Dr. William H. Gillum, whose death occurred Wednesday morning, will lie in state in Memorial Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, Friday for a time preceding funeral services, which will be held there at 2:30 p. m. J. B. McFaddin, representing the K. of P., of which deceased was the oldest living commanding officer in the state, will give a brief address and the service will be conducted by Rev. W. M. Graham. The G. A. R. will have charge of burial services.

Dr. Gillum was a veteran of the civil war, fighting with the confederacy. In later years he was an honorary member of the G. A. R. He was born in Greenville, Va., in November, 1847, and was married to Miss Rebecca Randolph, of Virginia, in 1874. Burial will be in the Rockville cemetery.

MRS. ELIJAH YOUNG.

By Special Correspondent.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 29.—Mrs. Elijah Young, of west of the city, died at the home of her sister at Detroit, Mich., where she recently went on a visit, Wednesday morning, of blood poisoning, which resulted from a splinter in her finger. The deceased was 60 years old and is survived by the husband, a son and three daughters. The remains arrived in the city last night and were taken to the home near Billtown, where the funeral will be held Friday.

LENOX M. GWATHMEY.

By Special Correspondent.

BOWLING GREEN, Ind., March 29.—Lenox M. Gwathmey, aged 83 years, died at his home Tuesday night. He was in town Tuesday, apparently in good health, but took sick later in the day and died, sitting in a chair, of heart trouble. Gwathmey was a civil war veteran. He was unmarried and lived alone. The burial was in the Bowling Green cemetery. He has relatives in Indianapolis.

MRS. MATHEW ANAKER.

By Special Correspondent.

MARSHALL, Ill., March 29.—Mrs. Mathew Anaker, of Darwin township, died Tuesday, at her home. The funeral was held at the United Brethren church in Marshall today, and burial was in the Marshall cemetery.

GIRLS ROUND UP RECRUITS.

Call on Men of Militia Age to Join Militia Company.

SALINA, Kan., March 29.—Young men of military age in Salina were the subjects of calls today from young women, clad in olive drab skirts, leggings and military hats, who asked them politely why they had not enlisted in one of the four companies of the national guard with headquarters in this city.

The recruiting campaign of the four home units has been turned over in part to the young women of this city who declare that by Saturday night they will have called upon every young man of military age in Salina and the county to join the colors.

...Prussian franchise...ration of March 15 that such a reform should be postponed until peace was restored. Referring to the Russian revolution, the Gazette says:

"Should the chancellor become convinced that it is inadvisable to defer changes in the Prussian system, which he has declared necessary and advantageous, until peace, but on the contrary to give them a more definite form now, this newspaper would not criticise him."

# GUARD ASSOCIATION FAVORS SWISS PLAN

NEW YORK, March 29.—Resolutions calling for the complete federalization of the national guard by act of congress, and also declaring that the necessity exists for compulsory military training and service, were introduced at the convention of the National Guard association here today by the resolutions committee.

Such service and training, the resolutions said, "should be provided for in an organization modeled on that of the republic of Switzerland," and a joint commission composed of members of congress and officers of the national guard and regular army should be appointed by the president to prepare a comprehensive plan to accomplish this purpose.

GROUND GLASS IN BANDAGES.

Red Cross Director Says Supplies Were Found Tampered With.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Instances of ground glass in bandages prepared for the American Red Cross have been discovered, it was declared today in a statement from the organization authorized by Albert W. Straub, director of its Atlantic division.

"I am quoted in the newspapers," the statement read, "as having declared that medical supplies made by Red Cross workers had been found tampered with by spies, and that bandages had been discovered soaked with poisonous chemicals. No such statement ever was made by me.

"It is true, however, that in one or two instances we have found ground glass in bandages prepared for the Red Cross. These have been promptly detected, and the cases reported to the proper authorities."

LUCKY JOHN COFFIN.

John R. Coffin writes from St. Petersburg, Fla., that it is getting so warm there that he is returning north. He will go to Greensboro, N. C., and spend two weeks. He adds that he has caught so many fish in Florida waters that the sport has lost its excitement and zest. "Eng" Reiman says he will have to see the affidavits first.

GUN TOTER IS JAILED.

William Levall, 40 years old, was sent to jail Thursday afternoon charged with drawing a deadly weapon. It was said he engaged in an argument in a saloon at Third street and Wabash avenue and drew a revolver, which he flourished in a threatening manner.

...and two men ... A gun truck was despatched ... Terre Haute to help out the ... there. The Red Cross cha... offered its assistance Thursd... machine gun company in ... men's uniforms in shape an... ever assistance is necessary ... ent families.

Within the next two days ... tenants will be appointed by ... Goodrich from the ranks o... pany.

Ask Company Mess F...

Both Company B and th... gun company are soliciting ... pany mess fund. Sergeant ... solicitor for Company B. a... M. H. Hicks of the machin... was assigned to this duty... make the plea that the ... allowed affords only mea... ties. The allowance is 32 ... day per man. The volunta... tions will go into a sales ... fund.

As one of the officers ... "The diet on soup and ... beans and soup is very ... and the men sometimes ... much whether they get d... ner or not. They need su... as will give a variety. ... tain that the generosity ... Haute's citizens will come...

Two officers have been ... the new engineers' compa... ganized by Captain R. F. ... appointments of Ernest ... first lieutenant, and Al... second lieutenant, were ... jutant-General H. B. Sm... day on the recommendati... Henry.

R. S. Scott, engineer fo... & E. Traction company, ... accept the appointment ... lieutenant in the compa... plications of forty-five m... been received for the ... Sixty-three men and fou... required for a commis... Henry said he hoped to ... or 75 men. The armory ... pied by the engineering ... Company B departs, C... said.

OTHER TROOPS ...

First Indiana Guards ... Railroad Term...

JEFFERSONVILLE, ...—The government ... depot in Jeffersonville, ... and Indiana Terminal ... between New Albany ... and the Big Four and ... bridges which connec... with Louisville are und... the guard being forme... men from the three In... panies of the First Ind...

The guardsmen we... denly, yesterday after ... storm-stricken portion ... to the three points t... against possible attac... ganizations or disloya... presence of the troops ... is a precaution agains... ference with "postal, ... military channels."

The fact that these ... be guarded was kept ... the trops were actual... untary censorship ca... to withhold publicatio... until the troops ha...

...M. Roberts ... hospital for three weeks ... of rheumatism and it ... been able to walk only ... port of a cane. Roberts ... ndent since it developed ... Anderson and Prosecutor ... oppose any recommenda... y in the case of the ... ion.

...ar men who could have ... some months ago with ... for parole, will be out ... fact that they were not ... r was due to the ob... y and Anderson made. ... s arrived in Leavenworth ... urge further medical ... her husband.

...of the five republicans, ... n the twenty-one dem... entenced, have been dis... dge Anderson and these ... e also caught in the toils ... grand jury will never be ...

...year men expecting re... orge Ehrenhardt, Harry ... and Edward Driscoll, ... former sheriff, is said to ... as an overseer on the ... and is reported in good ... spirits.

# ...SAL TRAINING GAINING FAVOR

...TON, March 29.—Chairman ...erlain, of the senate military ...tee, with a white house en... r late today, said he would ...t Wilson, in his address to ...xt week, to indorse universal ...ary training as a pre...measure of first importance. ...was given the movement for ...training legislation today ...ll went out to republican ...bers for a conference on the ...morrow. Representatives ...ermont; Gray, New Jersey; ...York; Gardner, Massachu...Arthur, Oregon, and Mc..., issued the notice asking ...members-elect who favor ...le of universal compulsory ...training" to the meeting. ...mbers have indicated their ...

...E RECOGNIZES RUSS.

..., Wednesday, March 28.—...se government has recog... new government in Russia.

# ...STANT ACTION ...RISES MANY HERE

...oder's story surprises local ... "I had bad stomach trouble. ...eemed to sour and form gas. ...y's constipated. Nothing help... I tried buckhorn bark, gly...c., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. ...OONFUL astonished me with ...ANT action." Because Ad...lushes the ENTIRE aliment... it relieves ANY CASE con... sour stomach or gas and ...appendicitis. It has QUICK...on of anything we ever sold. ...lentine, druggist, 634 Wabash ... Advertisement.

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# County's Last Civil War Veteran Will Mark 97th Birthday Friday

James Hutchinson, Vigo County's sole surviving Civil War veteran, will celebrate his ninety-seventh birthday next Friday. It will be a quiet celebration at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Fox, and granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, of 433 North Thirteenth Street.

He will read the daily newspapers, perhaps a magazine or two, and listen to the radio. Perhaps if the weather is good, Comrade Hutchinson will take a walk. Recently, however, the cold has kept him from taking some of the walks he enjoys so much.

Right now Comrade Hutchinson's keenest interest is the progress of the World War. His great-grandson, Ernest Fox, is overseas some place. His grandson, Robert Payton, is also in the service. Comrade Hutchinson said the other day as he talked with a veteran of World War I, "If they could use me in this war, I'd go."

He likes to contrast this war with the Civil War and its horse-drawn ammunition wagons and cannons. It was then, Comrade Hutchinson reminds his friends, that cavalrymen were cavalrymen and not mechanized.

Comrade Hutchinson was born in Scotland, where he began his work in the coal mines. He came to this country and on to Indiana when a young man. He enlisted in the Union Army in Warrick County on March 18, 1864; fought in the siege of Atlanta, marched with Sherman to the sea and then took part in several other battles.

At the close of the Civil War Comrade Hutchinson came to Terre Haute. He worked in different coal mines close to Terre Haute for several years.

For many years Comrade Hutchinson had as his best friends other members of the G. A. R. After they had died he still had as friends members of the Half Century and Three-quarter Century clubs.

Comrade Hutchinson now carries the Half Century Club's honor cane which is awarded at each annual meeting to the oldest member of the club present at that session.

Comrade Hutchinson has six living children, several grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Comrade James Hutchison, aged 97 Friday, and his great-grandson, Private Ernest Fox, posed for their picture when he was home. Mr. Fox is in the air corps and now overseas. Friday Mr. Hutchison celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday. He marched with General Sherman to the sea, wearing the uniform of blue. He is the last living veteran of Vigo county.

# HERE IS ANOTHER SURVIVOR OF THE CIVIL WAR, IT SEEMS

Meet Comrade James Hutchison, the only survivor of the Civil War in Vigo county. He celebrated his ninety-seventh birth anniversary Friday, Jan. 29th, at his home, 433 North Thirteenth street, where he makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Fox. Comrade Hutchison was born in Coat Bridge, Scotland, in 1846.

When the War of the Rebellion broke he was living at Newburg, Ind., and he enlisted at the age of 18 years. He was a members of

His record as a soldier was a gratifying one. He fought in the battles at the siege of Atlanta, at Jonesboro and the second battle of Snake Creek Gap, among a number of others. He marched with General Sherman to the sea, and July 17, 1865, he received an honorable discharge in Louisville, Ky.

He was wed to Mary Katherine Hinkle at Edwardsport, Ind., on July 11, 1872, and to their union were born seven children, of whom six are still living. Mrs. Hutchison passed this life Oct. 29th, 1926, and since that time Mr. Hutchison has made his home with his daughter,

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